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TO OPEN 15th FUNERAL HOME IN ACKERMAN, MISS.

JUDGE J. F. BARBOUR CONGRATULATES THE CENTURY VOICE

TO OPEN 15th FUNERAL HOME

Already the biggest burial association in the state, the Century Burial Association added another link to its chain of funeral homes. A recent purchase from Weaver & Adams of Ackerman, brought the total to fifteen (15). When we say we cover Mississippi, it is not advertising talk, but plain truth. The date of the grand opening for the Ackerman Funeral Home has not been set, but already the business has been transferred to the Century Burial and there is nothing left to be done except our usual program of celebration. If it is burial service, the Century is well fortified to give the quickest in the state because the funeral homes are situated at all important points in the state.

IN CONTEST



Pictured above are four of Yazoo City's most popular school girls who are in a subscription contest to see which one will be Miss Century Voice.

These students represent each class in the High School Department of Yazoo High School No. 2. They are making nice progress along the line of getting new subscribers to the South's fastest growing journal, The Century Voice.

They are, reading from left to right: Elizabeth Tucker, Elmore Brown, Illinois Jackson, Margaret Douglas.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES

After a long illness, death closed the book of the life of Mrs. E. L. Oakes on October 30, 1942 at the Providence Hospital in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Oakes was well known here and over the state and was respected by all who knew her. She was the wife of Mr. A. J. Oakes, who owned a successful lumber business and who preceded her in death more than 15 years ago. She was an active member of the Federated Club and interested in school work, giving a gold medal each year to the graduate of Yazoo High School No. 2 who met certain requirements. The medal was known as the "Oakes Medal" and was considered one of the coveted honors.

After medical aid here failed, she was carried to the Mayo Clinic in care of a trained nurse. When the famous Mayo Clinic did not reach her condition, she was then carried to Chicago to the Providence Hospital where the end came. She was a faithful member of Bethel A. M. E. Church and although the Annual Conference of this church was in session, the pastor, Rev. E. M. Smith, remained to say the last rites which were said from the home in a very short but impressive ceremony. Lovely flowers which filled the living room brought a message to the family that friends also shared in their great loss. Two sons, a daughter, relatives and friends followed the remains to the Glenwood Cemetery for interment.

COMPLIMENTARY LETTER

T. J. Huddleston, Jr.
Editor and Manager
The Century Voice
Yazoo City, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

I have read with a great deal of interest the October edition of your paper. It is a credit to you and those who are associated with you. There is a great work that you can do and I feel satisfied that your ability and leadership will bring about splendid results.

It is well edited, attractively gotten up and contains much instructive and beneficial information.

I congratulate you and wish for you the full measures of success which your efforts deserve.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. BARBOUR

GREENWOOD AREA INITIATES SPECIAL SECTION

STONE ST. HIGH SCHOOL IN CONTEST

The Century Voice is happy to announce that in order to better serve its many readers in and around Greenwood it is including a section of each issue devoted entirely to the Greenwood area. Each issue will carry news, pictures, opinions, and comments about people and affairs of this area, as well as about churches, schools, clubs, and business institutions.

In addition to this service, there will also be carried a "paper within a paper" sponsored by the Greenwood High School, Stone Street, entitled "The Voice of G. H. S." This student publication has its own editorial staff and is under the sponsorship of the English department of the High School.

A subscription contest is being conducted by the several classes with prizes being awarded to both winning classes and winning individuals.

AGENTS SHOWING FINE SPIRIT

The Editorial Staff of The Century Voice is well pleased with the spirit the Century agents have taken in securing subscriptions for The Century Voice. A number of the agents have really put zest in this campaign, and we are truly grateful to these men who are pushing the paper to the front. The best way in the world to find out how much one can do is by doing the best he can at all times. We have every reason to believe that The Century Voice will become one of the leading papers in the country, for Negroes. We are asking the continued cooperation of those who are working and urgently asking those whom we have not heard from to let us hear from them. In our mammoth Christmas edition, which will be published in December, we plan to carry the name of each person who has sent us subscriptions. We are sure every agent will want to see his or her name. Remember the big issue is not more than thirty days off. If you do not wish to be left off this list, you must start today.

IN THE BULLETIN

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR:

The Highest Reporting Agents For The Month

DISTRICT MEETING DATES

TOTAL NUMBER OF CENTURY DEATHS

AGENT WHO WRITES THE LARGEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH

AGENT WHO MAKES THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN REMITTANCE DURING THE MONTH

LEADING DISTRICT MEETING REPORTS

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

CLARKSDALE MUST WIN



CHARLES C. STRINGER

Licensed Mortician and Manager of Clarksdale District, Century Burial Association.

Mr. Charles Stringer, active manager of the Clarksdale District, has assumed the personal supervision of the Subscription Campaign in his district. He told the editor that Clarksdale must win. Mr. Stringer is an energetic young man and usually does what he sets out to do. He has taken interest in this campaign and challenges the managers over the state, saying to follow as close as they can, but Clarksdale must win. Let's watch him.

PROMINENT PREACHER PASSES

Rev. W. C. Clay, well known Baptist preacher of Louise, Miss., passed away at his residence October 25, 1942. Rev. Clay had been in failing health for several months, yet his death came as a shock to many. He was pastor of several churches, one of which was Bethel Land of this city. The services he must have rendered during his pastorate were evidenced by the many, many members who followed his remains, and showered him with exquisite flowers. The funeral was attended at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at Louise, of which he was a member, by Rev. Walton. The building could by no means accommodate the people who came from over the county to pay their last respects, therefore throngs of them had to stand on the outside. He leaves to mourn, a wife five sons, three daughters, grandchildren, relatives and friends, to whom our deep sympathy goes out. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Century Burial Association with interment in the family cemetery at Louise, Miss., where a bank of flowers spoke consolation to the sorrowing family and relatives.

ALCORN TEACHER INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Alcorn A. & M. College, Miss., November 6—Mrs. Mattie C. Flowers, Director, Division of Home Economics, was injured November 1 when the Illinois Central train No. 202, en route to Meridian from Jackson, wrecked at Urho, four miles west of Hickory with two pullman cars and two passenger cars overturning.

Mrs. Flowers sustained bruises, pulled knee ligaments, a back injury, and severe shock. At the time of the wreck she was journeying to Washington, D. C., to represent Alcorn at a meeting called by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Economics.

THANKS

I take this method to thank the many friends for their words of sympathy, and kindness shown and their beautiful floral offerings contributed in the sickness and death of our beloved husband, father, and uncle. Especially do we thank the doctors and nurses of the Afro hospital.

FLORENCE E. TYLER
FELBERT E. TYLER
MAMIE HURD

TO SPONSOR CHRISTMAS TREE

The Century Voice is making preparations to make a brighter Christmas for the little tots of Yazoo High School No. 2. Yes, Old Santa will make a new trip this year. For a long time the editor has felt that some extra consideration should be given to the little children of Yazoo High School No. 2 and that we should show our love for the children who will come up to be the men and women of tomorrow. It seems we have never thought of our children in any general way. Of course, we know that mothers and fathers care and do what they can, but we believe there is also a responsibility on the community to help make these little hearts gay. We are soliciting the cooperation of various merchants of the town in order that this new treat will go over in a big way.

A 1942 ALLIED SECOND FRONT

By CHARLES H. WILSON

This thing that we called the "Second Front" which we as Americans have been looking for, and our allied nations have been anticipating, has now become a reality.

Yes, very much a reality. In spite of twenty-two years clashing and exactly eleven months since Japan declared war on our American shores. Yes, it is the same front that the Russians were desirous of having materialize in order that we as allies might help her in heading that diabolical arch-enemies of ours: Hitler, Hirohito, and Mussolini and their henchmen. A front that caused Wendell Willkie to emphasize and stress after making a epochal-making trip around the world. It has now become a reality.

Not where it was twenty-two years ago, not anywhere near those famous battles that changed history overnight, namely Belleau Wood, Chateau Thierry, Metz, and Argonne Forest. New famous battles are in the making.

This time the 1942 Second Front has been established in Northern Africa, the continent where civilization began, the continent that is still rich in natural resources. A continent where the allied troops have gone in and in a little over seventeen hours ago had captured Algiers. A front that finds the British pushing the Nazis out of Libya, and running the hell out of Rommel and his demagogues in Egypt. A front that finds MacArthur pushing with specific precision the Japs out of Guadalcanal. This crucial front was established at the instigation of President Roosevelt when at 9 o'clock at night on November 7, he not only spoke to the French people in French but he challenged them to realize that the Allies meant business, and that any resistance on their part would mean untimely death.

The Second Front is a challenge to us on the home front to continue to put forth every effort imaginable to make the winning of this war ours. We can if we think we can. Are you playing your role, doing your bit home fronters?

VISITS FATHER

Mrs. Carrie E. Little, of Chicago, visited in the city for a short while. It is always a pleasure for friends to see Mrs. Little, and a real tonic for her father, Mr. T. J. Huddleston. While here she re-decorated some of the rooms in the "Old Home House" and made the place more beautiful and attractive for her father. She was dinner guest in several homes here and also visited Mrs. Toledo Helm, her sister who lives in Jackson, Miss. Just the day before she left, Mrs. Lula Jones, also of Chicago, and daughter of Mr. Huddleston, came to spend a few weeks. Mrs. Jones had not been here for three or more years and it was a delight to see her here again. She brought with her her little four year old son, Warren, Jr., who was a source of joy. Little Warren is exceptionally brilliant and alert and was an entertainment in himself. They left a few days ago leaving relatives and friend with a pleasant memory of their visit.

ALL OUT FOR DEFENSE

Prof. N. D. Taylor, principal of Yazoo High School No. 2, organized his school in a "Scrap Iron" campaign and the results were very pleasing. The school children worked willingly and finally piled up seven tons of scrap iron. Every child of school age knows what it means to stop and pick up an old piece of iron and we do not believe a one of them would pass an old piece of iron without sensing the importance of picking it up. We think organizing school children is a fine way to instill in them a lasting loyalty to their country.